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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING FEBRUARY 10 (SALT TWO-901)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV'S PLENARY STATEMENT AGREED "IN SUBSTANCE" TO OUR PROPOSAL ON HEAVY-MISSILE DEFINITION, AND WE BOTH AGREED TO REFERENCE OF SILO ENLARGEMENT AND HEAVY-MISSILE DEFINITION TO DRAFTING GROUP. I RESERVED OUR POSITION ON "NON-HEAVY VERSUS LIGHT," AND STATED THAT "WITH SILO AND HEAVY MISSILE MATTER RESOLVED" I HOPED THAT WE COULD NOW PROCEED TO DISCUSSION OF HEAVY-MISSILE CEILING.

2. SEMENOV ALSO MADE PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE XV (SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS) VERY CLOSE TO SUBSTANCE OUR PROPOSAL ON SUBJECT, AND WE BOTH AGREED THAT ARTICLE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DRAFTING GROUP. (IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE REITERATED THEIR POSITION ON DISCUSSION OF FBS IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND I REPEATED OUR POSITION.)

3. SEMENOV'S PLENARY STATEMENT ALSO CONTAINED QUITE EXTENDED PRESENTATION ON ARTICLE XVII (SCC IN TERMS OF REFERENCE) AND

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AGAIN URGED RESPONSE BY US.

4. IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING WE HAD RENEWED AND EXTENDED DISCUSSION OF "CAN BE USED FOR" VERSUS "LAUNCHERS OF" IN ICBM DEFINITION IN ARTICLE II. IN RESPONSE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT THE ADDITION OF "CAPABLE" TO "LAUNCHERS OF" I.E., TO HAVE IT READ "LAUNCHERS CAPABLE OF," HE SAID IT WAS ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE AND PUT US BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED. HOWEVER, I PRESSED HIM AS TO WHETHER, UNDER THEIR FORMULATION, THEY WOULD INTERPRET A LAUNCHER OR A "LAUNCHER OF A TYPE" WHICH HAD UP TILL THEN NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ICBMS, BEING OBSERVED TO LAUNCH AN ICBM OR TO HAVE EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH ICBM LAUNCHERS AS BEING A "LAUNCHER OF ICBMS." EVENTUALLY, IN RESPONSE, READING FROM A NOTE, HE SAID "SOMETHING THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF A DEFINITION OF WHAT IS BEING LIMITED. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT FOLLOWS FROM OUR DEFINITION THAT, IF THE LAUNCHER CONTAINS AN ICBM, THAT LAUNCHER IS AN ICBM LAUNCHER WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES IN TERMS OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE SIDES UNDER THE AGREEMENT." IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD AGREE THAT ALL LAUNCHERS OF THE SAME TYPE AS THAT OBSERVED CONTAINING AN ICBM WOULD ALSO BE ICBM LAUNCHERS, HE REPLIED THAT "THE SOVIET DEFINITION DOES NOT SPEAK OF TYPES, BECAUSE THE SUBJECT (OF THE AGREEMENT) IS SPECIFIC WEAPONS." WE AGREED TO RETURN TO SUBJECT AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

5. HE MADE STATEMENT REVIEWING OUR EXCHANGE BEFORE RECESS ON ARTICLE XI (DESTRUCTION OF EXCESS WEAPONS) AND ASKED ME WHAT WE SPECIFICALLY HAD IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVABLE COMMENCEMENT OF DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION AS OF OCTOBER 3, 1977. IN MY REPLY I REMINDED HIM THAT MY SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD HAD BEEN ENTIRELY PERSONAL AND I DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO SAY OR DID NOT YET HAVE ANY OFFICIAL WASHINGTON VIEWS TO PASS ON.

6. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING FOR MOSCOW THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, AND RETURNING "THE FIRST PART OF MARCH." I AGREED TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR A PRIVATE MEETING LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

7. IN THEIR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION BY EARLE, BOTH TRUSOV AND BELETSKY CATEGORICALLY STATED  
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THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENT OF THE SOVIET DRAFT FOR SILO ENLARGEMENT THAT THE DEPT OF A SILO COULD BE INCREASED MORE THAN 32 PERCENT IF THE DIAMETER WERE CORRESPONDINGLY DECREASED, AND THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION WAS CLEAR ON THIS POINT. (CHULITSKY ALSO SAID THE SAME THING TO FITZGERALD.)

8. TRUSOV AND BELETSKY TOOK THE INITIATIVE OF RAISING ICBM-LAUNCHER DEFINITION WITH EARLE, AND DURING THE COURSE OF A

VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT SAID THAT UNDER THE SOVIET FORMULATION AN ICBM LAUNCHER WOULD INCLUDE:

(1) A LAUNCHER WHICH HAD LAUNCHED AN ICBM: (2) A LAUNCHER CONTAINING AN ICBM: AND (3) DEPENDING UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, A LAUNCHER HAVING AN ICBM AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT INN CLOSE PROXIMITY. THEY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO RESPOND TO EARLE'S QUESTION ON HOW THIS WOULD APPLY TO A "TYPE" OF LAUNCHER, BUT SAID THEY DESIRED TO RETURN TO SUBJECT AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

9. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH KLOSSON SHCHUKIN AGAIN URGED A SIMPLER THROW-WEIGHT DEFINITION.

10. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.

11. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, AT 11:00 A.M. USSR MISSION.JOHNSON

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